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City News For Your Information June 28, 2010

Traffic Stop Nets Marijuana Cache

Boulder City police seized 10.1 pounds of marijuana during a routine traffic stop on Friday, June 18 at approximately 3:45 a.m.

Boulder City Police Officer Armando Salazar observed a silver Dodge Intrepid traveling over the speed limit at Nevada Highway and Yucca Street. The driver, later identified as Winston Aarons, provided a driver's license and proof of insurance, neither of which belonged to him. He stated the vehicle belonged to a girlfriend.

Officer Salazar conducted an exterior visual inspection of the vehicle, noticed it was freshly vacuumed and contained several air fresheners. He then requested the K-9 unit respond to the scene. At this point, Aarons fled the scene and finally jumped over the wall at the Rebel Gas Station.

Officers pursued Aarons and when he was apprehended, he was taken into custody after a short struggle. Aarons was taken to Boulder City Hospital for an ankle injury. After treatment, he was taken to the Boulder City Police Department and booked.

Because Aarons possessed 10.1 pounds of marijuana, he was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance in violation of NRS 453.337, Obstructing a Public Officer (after due notice) in violation of NRS 197.190, Resisting Arrest (two counts) in violation of NRS 199.280-2, Unlawful Use/Possession of Forged Identification in violation of NRS 483.390, Basic Speed in violation of NRS 484B.600, No Proof of Insurance in violation of NRS 485.185 and 187 and Unlicensed Driver in violation of NRS 483.550. In addition to the charges, a records check revealed there was an outstanding immigration warrant against Aarons. He was later transported to the Clark County Detention Center.



62nd ANNUAL Boulder City Damboree Celebration

“A BLAST FROM THE PAST”

Honoring the people who built Hoover Dam and Boulder City

Friday, July 2

7:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert by the Red Mountain Music Company at the College of Southern Nevada, Boulder City Campus, 700 Wyoming. Call 294-0043 for tickets.

Saturday, July 3

7 a.m. Rotary Club of Boulder City Pancake Breakfast, Bicentennial Park, 1100 Colorado Street

9 a.m. Parade begins at Colorado Street and Nevada Way to Fifth Street, ending at Broadbent Memorial Park at Avenue B and Fifth Street

9:05 a.m. Flyover of the Parade by Boulder City Veteran’s Flying Group

10 a.m. Festivities at Broadbent Memorial Park

until 4 p.m. Midway Booths with food, drinks and games presented by non-profit organizations

11 a.m. Damboree Ceremonies including the flag raising and national anthem, presentation of parade trophies and greetings by dignitaries

11:30 a.m. Entertainment

1 p.m. Coin Toss at the Pool (admission is price of pool entrance), games and contests sponsored by the Boulder City Parks & Recreation Department

7:30 p.m. Patriotic Concert by the Red Mountain Music Company at the College of Southern Nevada, Boulder City Campus, 700 Wyoming. Call 294-0043 for tickets.

Sunday, July 4

6 p.m. Festivities at Veterans’ Memorial Park, 1650 Buchanan Boulevard

6:30 p.m. Food, water park, competitive games

7 p.m. Music by DJ Eric Magnum and Michelle Blanchard and Heels Over Head

9 p.m. Fireworks Show

9:45

until 11 p.m. Music by Heels Over Head and DJ Eric Magnum

City Council Actions of June 22, 2010

Federal Funding for the Boulder City Tertiary Effluent Polishing and Pipeline Project - The Council approved a resolution approving an agreement between the City and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide federal funding in the amount of \$82,500 for the Boulder City Tertiary Effluent Polishing and Pipeline. This project is significant in that the City's goal is to increase re-use of reclaimed water. To achieve this goal, additional infrastructure in the form of treatment and pipeline construction is necessary. City staff has held discussions with a solar developer interested in utilizing reclaimed water, which will come from this project.

The project's first phase is completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Staff worked with our Federal elected representatives to secure grant funding for this phase. A professional engineering contract to complete NEPA will be presented to City Council in the near future.

The City treats over one million gallons of wastewater daily. The quality of the City's effluent discharged from the wastewater treatment plant currently does not meet Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Class B standards for reuse in industrial processes. Tertiary effluent polishing, including dual media filtration, coagulation aid, and chlorination control upgrades are required to achieve NDEP standards. Federal funding will help the City plan, design and construct the additional treatment and build an 8-mile pipeline to a site proposed for new solar energy development. The goal of the project is to treat wastewater effluent to a quality suitable for industrial use and to promote solar development in the southwest in compliance with the Environmental Assessment. Water conservation will be achieved by reclaiming wastewater for a beneficial use.

The Public Works Department recently submitted a grant application for this project. The grant requires a 45% match from Boulder City, or \$67,500 of the total cost of \$150,000, which will be funded through the Utility Fund.

US 93 Gateway Signs – The Council approved a resolution approving an agreement between the City and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for US 93 Gateway Signs. The funding source for this project is NDOT, in the amount of \$50,000 and the Boulder City Redevelopment Agency (RDA) in the amount of \$50,000.

The project consists of the construction of two gateway signs and indigenous landscaping improvements on the south side of US 93/95 and the north side of US 93. The west gateway sign will be located on US 93/95, approximately ¼ mile west of the US 93/95 interchange. The east gateway sign will be located approximately ¼ mile east of the intersection of US 93 and Pacifica Way. The signs will be approximately 40 feet wide by 8 feet high. Lettering will be sized to be clearly visible at the posted speed limit. NDOT funds come from their Landscape and Aesthetics Community Matching Funds Program, which primarily funds the design and construction of the signs. Landscaping in the form of boulders and native plants may be added to the project if funding is sufficient. Public Works staff will now secure the services of a civil engineering firm to perform design services and a bid package. Depending upon the complexity of the environmental clearances, Public Works may complete this work in-house or contract out segments of the work. All City and consultant costs for both design services and construction management services are chargeable to the total project cost.

Update on Greenheart, LLC Concession Agreement – The Council approved a resolution approving an amendment to a concession agreement to allow Greenheart, LLC a time extension and a change in their fixed fee structure.

The City Council originally approved a resolution on June 17, 2007, where Greenheart, LLC, would operate an aerial interpretive trail system in the Bootleg Canyon area. The City Council later approved a recommendation from the City Manager to amend the Greenheart Agreement to facilitate an 18-month time extension for construction of a visitor's center, gate installation, the road connection, utility extension to the visitor's center, rope course location and shuttle bus transportation system.

On May 25, 2010, the City Council directed staff to amend the Agreement with Greenheart, LLC, to grant an additional 18-month extension on certain deliverables, as mentioned above, required under their agreement and change their fixed fee payment to the City.

Greenheart, LLC, has been constructing and operating aerial interpretive trail systems in various places all over the world. Initially these trail systems consisted of suspension walkways in rainforest areas that allowed visitors to walk in the forest canopy. Greenheart has also developed an aerial trail system that allows visitors a unique and different opportunity to see wildlife and geological features of an area without actually disturbing the environment. Greenheart already has a project underway in Haiti and is exploring the possibilities of a similar aerial trial system at the San Diego Zoo. These projects are operated almost entirely using gravity and use very little fossil fuels or chemicals that damage the environment.

Greenheart initially approached the City with an aerial interpretive trail system for Bootleg Canyon area on June 12, 2007. The City council approved the project to construct an aerial trail system at Bootleg Canyon. Greenheart pays an annual fee (\$20,000 x 4 landing sites = \$80,000 + CPI Increase) to the City and \$10.00 for each person who uses the aerial trail system. The City sets aside \$5.00 of the \$10 per person fee to help pay for capital improvements to the visitor center and certain road improvements. Once the visitor center and road improvements are complete, Greenheart will dedicate these capital improvements back to the City. The visitor center will be not less than 1,000 square feet and will include restroom facilities and a food, beverage and souvenir concession as well as a small meeting facility.

The initial term of the agreement is for 15 years, with two renewal periods of eight and seven years, respectively. The required services will include the aerial trail system, operation and maintenance of the visitor center, road improvements that encompass a paved asphalt road connecting the existing terminus of Yucca Street to the restroom facility at the base of Red Mountain, extension of any and all utilities necessary to operate the visitor center, a gate to monitor and control traffic in Bootleg Canyon and on Red Mountain and to mitigate dust in the area, a shuttle bus system to deliver participants from the visitor center to the start of the aerial trail, and a City-approved trail access vehicle capable of transporting ill or injured persons to a central site for EMT personnel. The agreement also provides for the protection of environmental and cultural elements in Bootleg canyon that include litter and pest management and protection of cultural and archeological resources. The concession agreement also includes an Operating Plan, specifications for road improvements, indemnification and liability protection and a proposal for site layout.

On November 18, 2008, the City Council unanimously approved an Agreement to facilitate an 18-month for construction of a visitor's center, the road construction, utility extension to the visitor's center, gate installation, rope course locator and shuttle bus system. The City reserved the right to give Greenheart, LLC ninety (90) days to install the gate, should conflicts between the commercial shuttle bus and visitors arise.

Due to the continued downturn in the economy, Greenheart, LLC requested an additional 18-month extension through December 22, 2011 to commence and/or complete the construction of various deliverables under the concession agreement described above.

Greenheart, LLC, is also requesting a modification of the fixed fee paid to the City. The City Council directed staff at their May 25, 2010 Council Meeting to modify and amend the existing agreement with Greenheart, LLC to grant them an additional 18-month extension on certain deadlines and obligations set forth in their concession agreement and to change the fixed fee paid to the City.

The following is a list of the proposed amended changes:

- Greenheart, LLC, is granted an 18-month extension to certain deliverables in Agreement No. 07-1552, Amendment No. 07-1152B which will expire on December 22, 2011.
- Greenheart, LLC, will provide the City a fixed fee of \$37,500 x 4 tower/landing sites per year (\$150,000) for a period of 18 months, expiring December 22, 2011. After the expiration of the 18-month period, the terms of Section 10 of the agreement will revert back to the previous fee structure.
- Greenheart, LLC, will provide to the City the monthly number of participants riding the aerial trail system. The participation figure will accompany the fixed fee paid to the City's Finance Department on a monthly basis.

BC Police Department Conducts Further Controlled Underage Alcohol Buys

Recently, the Boulder City Police Department conducted another series of controlled under age alcohol buys yielding one violation at the Gas Depot, 100 Ville Drive.

Officers utilized a person under the age of 21 to take part in this project. The process involves sending a person under 21 into an establishment that sells alcohol. They pick up or order an alcoholic beverage and attempt to make a purchase. If the clerk requests a form of identification, the person presents their id, indicating their true age. Any clerk that sells alcohol receives a citation for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. The citation brings a bail of \$637.00.

Alcohol buys were also conducted at the following locations:

711 Convenience Store
Albertsons
Vons

900 Utah Street
1008 Nevada Way
1031 Nevada Hwy

Clerks at these locations requested identification and did not sell alcohol to the underage person.

For further information regarding this program, contact Sgt. John Chase at jchase@bcnv.org or call 293-9348.

Volunteer Center of Southern Nevada: Preventing Homelessness Connect

Volunteer Center of Southern Nevada's Notes

Preventing Homelessness Connect

With the current economic situation, high rates of foreclosure, and staggering unemployment numbers in southern Nevada and across the United States, the number of homeless individuals and families is increasing. Right now there are roughly 13,000 homeless individuals and families in southern Nevada.

Preventing Homelessness Connect is an annual event that allows individuals and families to connect with the resources they need. Services range from legal resources to jobs and housing. Preventing Homelessness Connect provides the tools to overcome housing/economic barriers and increase sustainability.

Does this sound like something you would be interested in helping with? The event is Tuesday, June 29th, click here to [Sign Up!](#)

outstanding, and interpretive wayside exhibits provide educational opportunities.

Making Medicare Make Sense

Answers to Commonly Asked Medicare Questions

From Jack Cheevers. Public Information Officer, Region IX

U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

415-744-3723

Q: How will people with Medicare benefit in the near future from the new Affordable Care Act?

A: People with Medicare should have recently received important information from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that explains some of the immediate benefits they may see from the new Affordable Care Act. That information, outlined in a mailing sent to all beneficiaries, provides them with timely facts about the important new law so they can learn how their Medicare benefits will either "stay the same" or "change and improve." The new law not only strengthens Medicare, but also ensures the guaranteed benefits that beneficiaries have come to rely upon don't change.

The first benefit that several million Medicare beneficiaries will receive is a one-time, tax-free check for \$250, if they enter the Part D donut hole and are not eligible for Medicare Extra Help. The donut hole – or coverage gap – is the period in the prescription drug benefit in which the beneficiary pays 100 percent of the cost of their drugs until they hit the catastrophic coverage. Next year, in 2011, all beneficiaries who enter the coverage gap will get a 50 percent discount for covered brand-name Part D drugs, and by 2020 Part D program benefits will no longer have a gap in coverage.

To get this check, you will not need to take any action at all. That means there is no need to pass along any personal information like bank account information or your Medicare or Social Security number to get the \$250 check. The rebate will come in the form of a check

made out to you and it will be mailed to the address Medicare has on file. Medicare has all the information it needs to mail the check, so you don't need to respond to any phone calls asking for information. **Any calls you get are most likely scams.**

If you have hit the coverage gap you should expect to get your rebate check within about 45 days. This may be delayed slightly if Medicare doesn't get timely information from your Medicare drug plan showing that you have actually reached the coverage gap.

If you don't get your rebate check when you believe you should, your first call should be to your prescription drug plan to ensure that it has sent the information to Medicare. You may also want to contact Social Security to ensure that your correct address is on file, especially if you have recently moved. If you have not been able to get satisfaction from your plan, you should contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to start the complaints process. In some cases there may be a discrepancy between you and the plan as to whether you have hit the coverage gap.

In addition to the rebate check, the new mailing outlines other benefits available under the Affordable Care Act. Beginning in 2011, Medicare beneficiaries will get preventive care services like colorectal cancer screening and mammograms without cost-sharing, in addition to an annual "wellness visit."

Currently, Medicare covers a one-time preventive physical exam within the first 12 months after you enroll in Medicare Part B. The exam includes a thorough review of your health; education and counseling about the preventive services you need, like certain screenings and shots; and referrals for other care. The "Welcome to Medicare" physical exam is a great way to get up-to-date on important screenings and shots and to talk with your doctor about your family history and how to stay healthy. But, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, beginning in 2011, **all** Medicare beneficiaries can receive a physical exam **every year**, not just once.

The law also includes new tools to help fight fraud by helping Medicare crack down on criminals who are seeking to scam seniors and steal taxpayer dollars. CMS is reminding beneficiaries, their families and caregivers to be on the alert for any scams asking for personal information. CMS has learned from implementing previous major pieces of health reform legislation, like Medicare Part D that unfortunately new opportunities for Medicare beneficiaries also bring new opportunities for scam artists to try and defraud seniors.

Because Medicare is a trusted resource for beneficiaries and their family members, the mailing encourages them to log on to www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE, which is 1-800-633-4227, to get their questions about Medicare or the Affordable Care Act answered.

From the Boulder City Pool

In preparation for the **10th Annual Cardboard Boat Race** to be held on Wednesday, July 21, the staff at the Boulder City Pool will host a **"Cardboard Boat Building Workshop"** on **Friday, July 16** from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the pool. Staff will have generic supplies, such as glue, scissors, rulers, pencils, pens and some markers, to help with the boat building. Be sure to bring specific supplies needed to build



that special boat, namely cardboard, your captain and any special items you want to add on. Remember: no plastic bottles, foam or floatation items are allowed. While you are working on your boat, snacks will be supplied. Please call 293-9286 ASAP to register for this workshop since space is limited.

10th Annual Cardboard Boat Race takes place Wednesday, July 21, 2010 with registration and judging beginning at 6 p.m. at the pool. Races begin at 7 p.m. Awards will be given for the most original boat, the most futuristic boat and the funniest boat. There will also be a Mayor's Award. First and second place medals will be given during the water races.

Sempra Activates First Block of Solar Panels at Nevada Solar Farm

Largest photovoltaic solar plant in U.S. slated for completion by year-end

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SAN DIEGO, June 15, 2010 – [Sempra Generation](http://www.semprageneration.com) announced today that the first 8-megawatt (MW) block of solar panels at its Copper Mountain Solar facility has been installed, and is delivering renewable electricity to the power grid.

Construction on the 48-MW photovoltaic solar installation located in Boulder City, Nev., about 40 miles southeast of Las Vegas, began in January. Sempra Generation anticipates that the project will be fully operational in late 2010.

"We are pleased to reach this major milestone so quickly, and we look forward to completing the project later this year," said Jeffrey W. Martin, chief executive officer of Sempra Generation. "Copper Mountain Solar is delivering a new supply of clean, renewable power to California residents, while creating hundreds of construction jobs." The clean energy project will create approximately 300 construction jobs at peak and four long-term positions.

The power from Copper Mountain Solar and Sempra Generation's adjacent 10-MW El Dorado Solar plant is being provided to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) under separate 20-year contracts. When complete, the combined 58-MW installation will be the largest operational photovoltaic solar-power

facility in the U.S. Together, the two facilities will utilize nearly 1 million thin-film photovoltaic panels supplied by First Solar of Tempe, Ariz. First Solar also serves as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor.

"When it comes to renewable energy development, Nevada – and especially Boulder City – is open for business," said Martin. "Boulder City's vision to create a regional center for renewable energy, coupled with progressive utilities like PG&E that are seeking out cleaner power for customers make these solar projects a reality."

Sempra Generation is expanding its renewable energy portfolio throughout the Western U.S. It has secured permits for a massive new solar facility in Arizona called Mesquite Solar that could produce up to 600 MW of electricity. The company also is pursuing additional solar installations in California along with wind power projects in Baja California, Mexico, and Hawaii.

Sempra Generation has set a goal to become the first company in the U.S. to own and operate 500 MW of solar.

"We've set our sights on becoming one of the leading clean energy developers in the U.S.," said Martin. "It is a focused effort. And our track record of successfully developing renewable projects on time along with a solid balance sheet puts us in a strong position to reach this goal."

Sempra Generation operates and maintains a fleet of natural gas-fueled power plants, and develops solar and wind facilities that serve U.S. markets. [Sempra Energy](#) (NYSE: SRE), based in San Diego, is a Fortune 500 energy services holding company with 2009 revenues of more than \$8 billion. The Sempra Energy companies' 13,600 employees serve more than 29 million consumers worldwide.

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The Copper Mountain Solar facility is owned and operated by Copper Mountain Solar I, LLC; the El Dorado Solar plant is owned and operated by El Dorado Energy, LLC; and the proposed Mesquite Solar facility in Arizona will be owned and operated by SGS-1, LLC, all subsidiaries of Sempra Generation.

Sempra Generation is not the same company as the utility, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) or Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and Sempra Generation is not regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Upcoming Events

- ✓ First Thursday at the Corner Gallery – The Corner Gallery, 1325 Arizona Street, hosts First Thursday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of conversation and demonstration with woodcut artist, Rainer "RB" Bertrams. Wine and light fare will be served. Event is free and open to the public. For further information, call Chris at 501-9219.
- ✓ Farmer's Market at the Senior Center – Each Friday, a Farmer's Market takes place at the Senior Center from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.
- ✓ Mayor's Monday Talks – Mayor Tobler's regularly scheduled talks with the community will be on hiatus during the month of June. Watch this weekly memo and the City web calendar for the Mayor's return.
- ✓ Train Rides - Ride the train from the Nevada State Railroad Museum, 600 Yucca Street, Boulder City, each Saturday and/or Sunday. Train departs at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. This is a 45-minute round trip excursion train ride along the original tracks that were used to bring supplies to the Hoover Dam construction site in 1931. Prices: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 kids ages 4-12; group rate of 12 or more is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids. For further details, call 486-5933 or go to www.NevadaSouthern.com.

BCTV Programs On Demand

Recently we have added a new feature at BCTV to make viewing more convenient for anyone who has a computer! All BCTV productions are available for viewing on your computer any time of the day or night simply by clicking on the City Council Video Channel link, scrolling to the Public Information Media and choosing the program you wish to view. There are more than two dozen programs available not only for viewing but for downloading and copying as well. Programs include past For Your Information shows, parades, Youth City Council Meetings, the Mayor's 2010 State of the City Address and lots more. New programs are added frequently. If you have questions about this feature, please give me a call at 293-9358. And don't forget that all City Council Meetings, with the accompanying agenda items, are also able to be viewed on the City Council Video Channel. Once again, please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions about this "on demand" feature.

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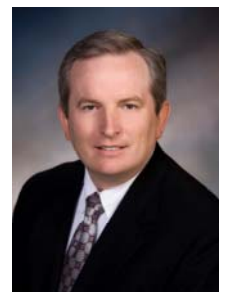
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